

U. S. Soldiers Home (Old Soldiers Home)
Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road
and Upshur Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-353

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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National Park Service
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U. S. Soldiers Home		HABS NO. DC-353
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Old Soldiers Home		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) from 1851	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Established by Congress in 1851 as a home for old and disabled soldiers. Funds were supplied by Gen. Winfield Scott out of the indemnity paid to him by Mexico in the Mexican War. Located on one of highest points of land in the city, making it a site for pleasure excursions during the late 19th-early 20th Centuries.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Structures include gatehouses, quarters, chapel, water tower, bandstand, etc.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE For further information see: HABS No. DC-353-A, Quarters 1; HABS No. DC-353-B, Quarters 2; HABS No. DC-353-C, Scott Building; HABS No. DC-353-D, Corn Rigs; HABS No. DC-353-E, Stanley Hall; HABS No. DC-353-F, Grant Building; HABS No. DC-353-G, Chapel.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974. Listed as National Historic Landmark.		
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